

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A microfluid-system supporting unit, comprising a first supporting plate and at least one hollow filament constituting the channel of the microfluid system, wherein the hollow filament is placed on the first supporting plate in any shape, ~~and a particular~~ an internal region of the hollow filament has a particular region being given a function and part of at least one hollow filament is exposed through the first supporting plate.

2. (Original): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, wherein more than one hollow filament are placed.

3. (Currently amended): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising~~ at least one hollow filament in any shape having no function in the hollow filament internal-particular region is placed additionally on the first supporting plate.

4. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, wherein at least one hollow filament is placed crosswise to at least another hollow filament.

5. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, wherein at least one hollow filament is placed crosswise to the hollow filament itself.

6. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, further comprising a second supporting plate, wherein at least one hollow filament is held between the first and second supporting plates.

7. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 6, wherein part of at least one hollow filament is exposed through at least one of the first and second supporting plates.

8. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 6, wherein at least one hollow filament has a port for at least one of receiving a fluid from outside and discharging it to outside.

9. (Original): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 8, wherein the port is fixed to at least one of the first and second supporting plates.

10. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, further comprising a relay unit for connecting the hollow filaments to each other.

11. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, wherein a metal layer is formed on a particular region of at least one hollow filament.

12. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, further comprising a particular region of at least one hollow filament has a light-transmitting property.

13. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, wherein the function of the hollow filament is a function selected from the group consisting of adsorption-desorption, ion exchange, separation, removal, partition, and oxidation-reduction.

14. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, wherein the function is provided by fixing a filler in a particular internal region of at least one hollow filament.

15. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, wherein the function is provided by graft polymerization on a particular internal region of at least one hollow filament.

16. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, wherein the function is provided by forming a porous material in a particular internal region of at least one hollow filament.

17. (Previously presented): The microfluid-system supporting unit according to Claim 1, wherein at least one hollow filament has a port for at least one of receiving a fluid from outside and one discharging it to outside.

18. (New): A microfluid-system supporting unit, comprising a first supporting plate and at least one hollow filament constituting the channel of the microfluid system, wherein the hollow filament is placed on the first supporting plate in any shape, an internal region of the hollow filament has a particular region being given a function and the at least one hollow filament functions as a connection terminal.

19. (New): A microfluid-system supporting unit, comprising a first supporting plate and at least one hollow filament constituting the channel of the microfluid system, wherein the hollow filament is placed on the first supporting plate in any shape, an internal region of the

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hollow filament has a particular region being given a function and a wall of the at least one
hollow filament is nonporous.